



# American Citizen Services Unit U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo Security Message



**FROM:** American Citizen Services Unit, U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo

**DATE:** October 24, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Tropical Storm Sandy

The U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo alerts all U.S. citizens that Hurricane Sandy is expected to gain some speed through later today and tomorrow, with the center of the hurricane moving over Jamaica this afternoon and evening, and into eastern Cuba tonight and tomorrow morning.

Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 25 miles and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 140 miles. The Dominican Republic is outside of that radius at this time, but increased winds and rain are expected. Rainfall estimates remain the same (6-12 inches, with up to 20 inches in isolated locations). ONAMET continues to forecast rain across the island (<http://www.onamet.gov.do/>).

The Dominican Center for Emergency Operations (COE) has [reported](#) that 80 people have been displaced, 16 houses have flooded in San Juan de la Maguana, and some communities are isolated due to increasing water levels in Sanchez Ramirez province. A [local news article](#) reported that local authorities shut down one of the southwest region's most important water systems because the heavy rain experienced since yesterday has produced high turbidity in the Yaque del Sur River.

COE is issuing alerts for the following provinces:

ROJA/RED	AMARILLA/YELLOW	VERDE/GREEN	
BARAHONA	SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ	ESPAILLAT	EL SEYBO
PEDERNALES	SAN JOSE DE OCOA	SANTO DOMINGO	LA ALTAGRACIA
BAHORUCO	SAN CRISTOBAL	DISTRITO NACIONAL	LA ROMANA

<b>SAN JUAN DE LA MAGUANA</b>	<b>VALVERDE</b>	<b>SANTIAGO</b>	<b>SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS</b>
<b>INDEPENDENCIA</b>	<b>PERAVIA</b>	<b>PUERTO PLATA</b>	<b>SAMANA</b>
<b>ELIAS PIÑA</b>	<b>SANCHEZ RAMIREZ</b>	<b>MONTE PLATA</b>	<b>MARIA TRINIDAD SANCHEZ</b>
<b>DAJABON</b>	<b>DUARTE</b>	<b>HATO MAYOR</b>	<b>HERMANA S MIRABAL</b>
<b>MONTE CRISTI</b>	<b>LA VEGA</b>		
<b>AZUA</b>	<b>MONSEÑOR NOUEL</b>		
<b>TOTAL ROJA 9</b>	<b>TOTAL AMARILLA 9</b>	<b>TOTAL VERDE</b>	<b>15</b>

As a reminder, the various alerts are described below:

- Red alert is declared when a phenomenon impacts a determined zone, presenting adverse effects on the population, infrastructure, roads, and the environment.
- Yellow alert is declared when there is an increased chance for the development of an event that implies imminent risks and severe emergency conditions.
- Green alert is declared when the expectations of a system allows us to foresee the occurrence of a hazardous event for the population, fully or partially.

Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found on our [“Hurricane Season-Know Before You Go”](#) webpage, and on the [“Natural Disasters”](#) page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs website. Updated information on travel in the Dominican Republic may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens in the Dominican Republic, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section of the Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-731-4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail [SDOamericans@state.gov](mailto:SDOamericans@state.gov); web page [www.usemb.gov.do](http://www.usemb.gov.do).